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SUBJ: BOGOTA MEETING OF FORMINS

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1. THE NOV 14-16 MEETING OF LA FORMINS CONTINUES TO RECEIVE HEAVY COVERAGE IN THE PRESS. THE NOV 4 AND 5 COVERAGE CONSISTED LARGELY OF REPORTS OF AND COMMENTS ON SECY KISSINGER'S INABILITY TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.

2. FORMIN VAZQUEZ IN A NOV 3 RADIO BROADCAST "FACE TO FACE" ALSO COMMENTED AT LENGTH ON THE CONFERENCE. HE SAID THAT SECY KISSINGER'S ABSENCE WILL NOT AFFECT THE MEETING; THAT THE SECY'S ATTENDANCE HAD NOT BEEN COUNTED ON AND THAT THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT WILL ALLOW THE LATINOS TO DELIBERATE WITHOUT IT BEING SAID THAT THEIR CONCLUSIONS WERE PRODUCTS OF THE U S STATE DEPT. VAZQUEZ ADDED THE CONFERENCE WILL BE FELT IN THE U S EVEN THOUGH THAT NATION WILL NOT BE A PARTICIPANT. VAZQUEZ SAID THAT THE BOGOTA CONFERENCE (WITHOUT U S PARTICIPATION) IS NEEDED TO DEFINE THE DIRECTION OF HEMISPHERIC POLICY PREPARATORY TO THE LATIN-U S DIALOGUE. SOUTH AMERICA, HE SAID NOW NEEDS TO ADOPT

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MORE DYNAMIC AND EFFECTIVE POLICIES, IN VIEW OF THE DETERIORATION,

IN RECENT YEARS, OF THE OAS, AND OF MULTILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE U S VAZQUEZ SAID THAT, AFTER MANY YEARS OF COMPLAINING ABOUT ITS INABILITY TO DELIBERATE ALONE, LA WILL NOW HAVE THE CHANCE FOR DELIBERATIONS WITHOUT THE HELP OR THE SHADOW, OF THE STATE DEPT. HE NOTED THAT THE BOGOTA MEETING "IS GOING TO BE A DIALOGUE, NOT AMONOLOGUE."

3. EL SIGLO (CONSERVATIVE) ON NOV 5 ATTRIBUTED THE SECY'S NON ATTENDANCE TO A PREFERENCE FOR BILATERAL DEALINGS WITH INDIVIDUAL LATIN NATIONS, INSTEAD OF ATTEMPTS TO REACH AGREEMENTS THROUGH MULTILATERAL MEANS.

4. EL TIEMPO (LIBERAL) IN A PAGE 11 STORY ON NOV 4 CITES THE LATE DATE (OCT 29) OF THE INVITATION TO THE SECY. THAT ACCOUNT ALSO REPORTS ASST SECY KUBISCH'S STATEMENT CITING THE SECY'S PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS AND POINTING OUT HIS HOPE TO VISIT COLOMBIA IN THE FUTURE, POSSIBLY TO TAKE PART IN A LATER MINISTERIAL MEETING.
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